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January 1972

1 JAN Leave and preparation for overseas movement,
Newport, Rhode Island.
7 JAN Underway for Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico on
first leg of Middle East Force deployment.
In company with USS CHARLES P. CECIL (DD-835)
as unit of TU 27.7.4.
Operation control authority is Commander United
States Second Fleet.
10 JAN Moored Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
13 JAN TU 27.7.4 underway for Recife Brazil.
17 JAN Ship crosses the equator. King Neptune arrives
to greet Shellbacks and judge Polywogs.
19 JAN Moored Recife, Brazil.
20 JAN TU 27.7.4 underway for Luanda, Angola.
27 JAN Moored Luanda, Angola.
29 JAN TU 27.7.4 underway for Lourenco Marques Mozambique.

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February 1972

5 FEB Moored Louronco, Marques Mozambique.
8 FEB TU 27.7.4 underway for Mombasa, Kenya
11 FEB Moored Mombasa, Kenya.
Changed operational control to Commander Middle
East Force.
15 FEB Underway, steaming independently, for Tamatave,
Malagasy Republic.
18 FEB Anchored Tamatave, Malagasy Republic.
19 FEB Ship visited by French Major Cocaign, Chef De
Defense De Province.
21 FEB Underway for Port Louis, Mauritius.
23 FEB Moored Port Louis Mauritius.
25 FEB U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius, Mr. William Brewer,
hosted a sit down dinner aboard for various
Mauritian officials.
29 FEB Underway with approximately eighteen tons of disaster
relief material aboard for Rodriguez Island.
U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius, Mr. William Brewer
and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African
Affairs are aboard.

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March 1972

1 MAR Anchored Rodriguez Island.
Completed off load of disaster relief material.
U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius, Mr. William Brewer,
hosts luncheon aboard for officials from Rodriguez
Island.

2 MAR Underway for Port Louis, Mauritius.
Moored Port Louis, Mauritius.
U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius, Mr. William Brewer
and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. C.
Robert Moore depart ship.

4 MAR Underway for Diego Suarez, Malagasy Republic.
Moored Diego Suarez, Malagasy Republic.

6 MAR Ship visited by Mayor of Diego Suarez, and a
representative of the French Navy.

7 MAR Underway for Bahrain.

14 MAR Moored Bahrain.

20 MAR Underway for Type Training with USS CHARLES P.
CECIL (DD-835).

23 MAR Moored Bahrain.

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April 1972

6 APR Ship received mid deployment.
Resupply while inport Bahrain.

7 APR Underway for Bandar Abbas, Iran.

9 APR Moored Bandar Abbas, Iran.
Official call paid to the ship by Iranian Rear
Admiral Biglari, Commander IIN Base.
Buffet dinner held aboard for Rear Admiral Biglari
and other Iranian Officials.

11 APR Underway to Rendezvous with USS CHARLES P. CECIL
and USS VALCOUR.

13 APR Rendezvous with USS VALCOUR and USS CHARLES P. CECIL.
Underway for Colombo Ceylon in company with USS CHARLES
P. CECIL.

14 APR Change operational control to Commander United States
Seventh Fleet.
In company with USS CHARLES P. CECIL.
Form CTU 70.0.8.

18 APR Moored Colombo Ceylon for brief fuel stop.
CTU 70.0.8 underway for Singaport.

22 APR Anchored Singapore for brief fuel stop.
CTU 70.0.8 underway for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines.

25 APR Moored United States Naval Base, Subic Bay,
Republic of Philippines.
Commence tender availability with USS PIEDMONT.

30 APR Underway for Tabones gun fire support range.
Arrive Tabones. Fired various gun fire support
exercises.
Underway for the coast of South Vietnam.

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May 1972

2 MAY Arrived off coast of South Vietnam in vicinity of Point Allison and assumed naval gunfire support duties as element of TU 70.8.9.

5 MAY Departed coast of South Vietnam to relieve USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON as element of TU 77.1.2 off North Vietnam.

6 MAY Assumed duties as strike unit of TU 77.1.2 (Freedom Train).

9 MAY Ship participates in naval gunfire strike on Do Son Peninsula and Hai Phong area commencing linebacker operations.

18 MAY Ship relieved by USS HAMNER as unit of TU 77.1.2 to proceed to Piraz station. Assumed duties as element of TU 77.0.2 in company with USS CHICAGO CG-11.

29 MAY Relieved of duties with TU 77.0.2 by USS EVERSOLE (DD-789). Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines.

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June 1972

1 JUN	Moored United States Naval Base, Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines. Commence TAV with USS PIEDMONT (AD-17).
4 JUN	Visited by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group Seventh Fleet (CTG 70.8)
8 JUN	Underway for the coast of South Vietnam.
10 JUN	Arrived off coast of South Vietnam and assumed duties as naval gunfire support unit of TU 70.8.9.
17-20 JUN	Fired NGFS in support of Song Thanh 8A-72.
22 JUN	Depart coast of South Vietnam for duties with TG 77.6. Assumed plane guard duties as unit of TG 77.6 in company with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43).
26 JUN	Relieved as unit of TG 77.6 by USS WADDELL (DDG-24) to proceed coast of South Vietnam. Arrived off coast of South Vietnam in vicinity of Point Angela. Assumed naval gunfire support duties as unit of TU 70.8.1.
28-30 JUN	Fired in support of operation Lam Son 72.

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July 1972

1 JUL	Depart coast of Vietnam, proceeded to Hong Kong.
3 JUL	Arrive Port of Hong Kong for five day R & R.
8 JUL	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan.
9 JUL	Bar-B-Q on flight deck.
10 JUL	Arrive Buckner Bay, Okinawa for brief refueling stop.
12 JUL	Arrive Yokosuka Japan for two day R & R.
14 JUL	Underway for Midway Island.
18 JUL	Arrive Midway Island for brief refueling stop.
	Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
21 JUL	Arrive Pearl Harbor Hawaii for two days R & R.
23 JUL	Underway for San Diego, California.
29 JUL	Arrive San Diego for three days R & R.

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August 1972

1 AUG	Underway for Panama Canal Zone.
8 AUG	Arrive Panama Canal Zone.
9 AUG	Transited Panama Canal, underway for Newport, Rhode Island.
10 AUG	Awarded Battle Efficiency "E" for Fiscal Year 1972.
14 AUG	Arrived Newport, Rhode Island. Commenced Stand-Down and leave period.

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September 1973

14 SEP Commanding Officers personnel inspection.
Award Ceremony.
15 SEP Change of Command Ceremony. LCDR GOLEMAN J. GADBAW
JR. relieves LCDR GERALD P. ASTORINO as Commanding
Officer.

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October 1973

5 OCT	Underway to Prudence Island for ammunition onload and local operations.
6 OCT	Arrive Newport, Rhode Island.
10 OCT	Underway for Type Training Operations in Narragansette Bay.
13 OCT	Arrive Newport, Rhode Island.
23 OCT	Underway for Type Training Virginia Capes Operation area.
27 OCT	Arrive Newport, Rhode Island.

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November 1972

10 NOV	Underway to Virginia Cape Operation area for Type Training.
15 NOV	LCDR Carlos E. MERCADO relieved LCDR Stanley C. KOZLOWSKI as Executive Officer.
16 NOV	Arrive Newport, Rhode Island.
22 NOV	Held Commanding Officers Personnel Inspection. Commenced holiday leave period.

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December 1972

8-18 DEC Ready Destroyer.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

INPORT, NEWPORT R.I. 1-7 JAN 1972

The short period of time spent in homeport immediately following the holiday season was an extremely busy and hectic one for all members of the USS MYLES C. FOX. Preparation for overseas movement was quickly drawing to a completion and all hands were engaged in attempting to accomplish last minute objectives before commencing the scheduled Middle East "around the world" deployment. Much necessary thought and work were applied in providing for proper stores and repair parts to successfully see us through the up-coming months in the remote areas of the Indian Ocean. Also, every precaution was being taken to ensure all areas of the ship were in the highest possible state of material readiness prior to starting out from Newport.

TRANSIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

7 JAN - 11 FEB 1972

Finally on the morning of 7 January, after a lingering goodbye to families and loved ones, the USS MYLES C. FOX (DD-829) in company with USS CHARLES P. CECIL (DD-835) steamed under the Newport bridge on the first leg of their long journey. The two ships, under the operational control of Commander U.S. Second Fleet, composed TU 27.7.4 with the Commanding Officer, USS CHARLES P. CECIL being the unit Commander. The first obstacle confronting the two ships was the unhospitable winter weather of the Eastern coast of the United States. The voyage to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico was characterized by high winds and heavy seas as many new sailors were forced to quickly adapt themselves to life aboard a "tin can".

The Caribbean sun, however, was warm and inviting on the morning of 10 January as the task unit arrived for refueling in Roosevelt Roads, P.R. But upon departure on the 13th it was not long before the ships were once again fighting the elements on their way south. On the morning of 17 January the weather subsided in time for King Neptune and his court to board for the equator crossing ceremony. It was a day of festivity and merrymaking for trusty shell backs and severe trials for unworthy and presumptuous pollywogs.

Arriving in Recife, Brazil late in the afternoon of 18 January, the task unit wasted little time in refueling, and departed early in the morning of 19 January. The Atlantic transit was pleasant, typified by smooth seas and warm winds. Arriving in Luanda, Angola on the Western coast of the continent of Africa on the afternoon of 27 January the ship was cordially greeted by local Portuguese military and civilian officials and final arrangements were quickly made for the ship's refueling. On 29 January the task unit was again underway, this time to round the Cape of Good Hope and enter the Indian Ocean enroute to Lourenco Marques in Mozambique. Once again the weather proved to be unstable and everyone looked forward to a few nights of rest and liberty in Mozambique before continuing the journey.

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Arriving in Lourenço Marques on the morning of 5 February the ships were delayed from sailing until the 8th due to extremely high winds. Finally, taking advantage of a momentary lull in the weather the task unit escaped from Lourenço Marques during the afternoon of 8 February and headed northward towards Mombasa, Kenya. Arrival in the popular port of Mombasa on 11 February saw the immediate commencement of relieving and turn over with the USS VESOLE (DD-878) and USS KRAUS (DD-849) who were completing their tour of duty in the Middle East and were anxious to start their return transit. Working throughout the night all necessary evolutions were completed to everyone's satisfaction and on the morning of 12 February the VESOLE and KRAUSE departed Mombasa enroute Charleston, South Carolina leaving the USS MYLES C. FOX and USS CHARLES P. CECIL as the major assets of the Commander Middle East Force.

MIDDLE EAST FORCE OPERATIONS
11 February - 10 April 72

After changing operational control to the Commander U.S. Middle East Force in Mombasa, the remainder of February saw the USS MYLES C. FOX steaming independently to "show the flag" in Tamatave, Malagasy Republic and Port Louis, Marritius. This was the first exposure for most members of the crew to the extensive Moslem-Hindu culture which predominates in the Indian Ocean area; interest and curiosity was universally high.

The visit to Port Louis, Marritius figures as one of the more significant of the deployment. Not only was an atmosphere of rapport developed between the Officers and men of the USS MYLES C. FOX and the members of the U.S. Embassy in Marritius but also the ship had the opportunity to participate in a worth while disaster relief project to nearby Rodriguez Island, a dependency of Marritius which had recently been devastated by tropical cyclone Fabrenne. After a pleasant six day visit to Mauritius the ship, accompanied by Mr. William Brewer the U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius, Mr. C. Robert Moore, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and Mr. Curt Reintsna, a Peace Corps volunteer who would remain on the island, departed for Rodriguez on 29 February.

The ship carried to Rodriguez eighteen tons of self-help and relief material including cement, a cement mixer, galvanized sheeting, tools and lumber. Additionally 1000 pounds of school books were delivered under the auspices of Project Handclasp and 1200 pounds of food donated by the Mauritian government. Ambassador Brewer also took advantage of the opportunity to host a luncheon for local officials to emphasize the interest of the United States government in the development of both Mauritius and Rodriguez.

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After returning to Port Louis with the two Ambassadors the ship headed westward for a scheduled visit to Diego Suarez in the Malagasy Republic. Soon after departure from Mauritius the ship received an extremely complementary message from Ambassador Brewer in recognition of our visit to Mauritius and our transportation of timely aid to Rodriguez Island. Subsequent messages noting a job well done were received from Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla TWO, Commander, U.S. Middle East Force, Commander in Chief, U. S. Naval Forces Europe and finally the Chief of Naval Operations.

During March the ship completed its visit to the French Naval base at Diego Suarez and then made the lengthy trip north to the Persian Gulf and Bahrain. On 14 March the ship moored at Mina Sidman pier in Bahrain and commenced what was to become an extremely beneficial three week ships force work period. On 16 March ETN3 (b) (6) received the Navy Achievement Medal in recognition of his performance while attached to NAVSUPACT DANANG RVN. Also during this period the ship participated in a three day type training period with the USS CHARLES P. CECIL and was re-supplied while alongside the pier by the SS CONCORDIA TAREK.

April commenced innocently enough with the ship still moored in Bahrain making preparations for the continuation of the Middle East Cruise. Leaving Bahrain on 7 April the ship arrived in Bandar Abbas, Iran on 9 April where we were enthusiastically received by Iranian naval and civilian officials. Iranian Rear Admiral Bezlari visited the ship and displayed a personal interest in the ship's stay. Shortly after our arrival RML (b) (6) re-enlisted for a period of three years and also received a Good Conduct Award.

During our visit to Iran orders were received terminating the Middle East Force Duties of USS MYLES C. FOX and USS CHARLES P. CECIL. In response to rapidly developing events in South East Asia both ships were directed to rendezvous and proceed at best speed to the Republic of the Philippines in preparation for combat operations in the Gulf of Tonkin in support of the Republic of Vietnam. Therefore, on the morning of 11 April USS MYLES C. FOX departed Iran to meet with USS VALCOUR (AGF-1) to turn over all Middle East related material before joining USS CHARLES P. CECIL on the transit eastward.

VIETNAM OPERATIONS 14 April - 1 July 1972

On 14 April USS MYLES C. FOX and USS CHARLES P. CECIL forming task unit 70.0.8 changed operational control to the Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet while continuing their transit towards the Philippines. Arriving in Subic Bay, on 25 April, after brief fuel stop in Colombo, Ceylon and Singapore, both ships were in need of the tender availability provided by USS PIEDMONT (AD-17). Much needed work had to be accomplished in an extremely short period of time in addition to the installation of certain equipment peculiar to the Seventh Fleet Operation. Much hard work and many hours were expended ensuring the ship would be adequately prepared for the arduous tasks of the coming months.

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On 30 April the ship steamed out of Subic Bay and after a Brief refresher run at Tibbones Range in the Philippines, headed into the Gulf of Tonkin bound for the northern coast of South Vietnam. Arriving in MRL off the demilitarized zone on 2 May the ship smoothly assumed the duties as a Naval Gunfire Support unit. Also on 2 May EML (b) (6) re-enlisted for a three year period. The next three days were spent firing in support of Republic of Vietnam forces attempting to repel invading elements of the North Vietnamese Army.

On the evening of 5 May the ship received orders to depart the Southern gunline and after re-arming and refueling proceed northward to join TU 77.1.2 which operating under the code name "Freedom Train" was engaged in nightly strikes on selected military and logistic targets in North Vietnam. Enthusiasm on board was high as USS MYLES C. FOX headed north for many stories had already been circulated concerning the high tempo, exhilarating operations of the northern raider unit and we were anxious to try our hand.

After relieving the USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON (DD-786), USS MYLES C. FOX concentrated on becoming proficient in conducting high speed night raids. The dedication and professional attitude of all hands was evidenced by the team work which resulted in the extremely high reliability and accuracy of the gun fire. During the period from 6 May the ship actively participated in nearly forty offensive missions, including the 9 May 1972 special morning attack on the Do Son Peninsula and Haiphong area, and received well over three hundred rounds of enemy counterbattery fire. For these actions the ship was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon. Throughout this period morale remained high as the ship's battery, engineering and electronic equipment performed magnificently on all assigned missions.

The most memorable of the Naval strikes against North Vietnam occurred on the morning of 9 May when MYLES C. FOX in company with USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS EDWARDS 950, and USS BERKELEY (DDG-15), conducted a coordinated daylight strike against military targets on the Do Son Peninsula and Haiphong Harbor area. This highly effective attack marked the commencement of "Linebacker" operations, which were associated with Naval mining of significant ports in North Vietnam. Despite intense and continuous heavy enemy gunfire all four destroyers completed their assigned mission and retired to seaward without suffering personnel or material casualties. Few aboard the MYLES C. FOX will ever forget that Tuesday morning in Haiphong.

On 18 May after twelve consecutive days of operating with TU 77.1.2 MYLES C. FOX was relieved by the USS HAMNER (DD-718) and proceeded northward to relieve the USS OZBURN (DD-846) as gunship for the USS CHICAGO (CG-11) on Piraz duties. During the next eleven days the ship provided support for the CHICAGO in her important Piraz duties. The pace was considerably slower and more relaxed than what had been previously experienced and much necessary shipboard work was started. Finally on 29 May the USS EVERSOLE (DD-789) appeared releasing the FOX to return to Subic Bay for a much needed Tender Availability.

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Following an eventful trip from Piraz station the ship moored outboard the USS PIEDMONT in Subic Bay on 1 June. The next week saw an intense and thorough effort by Tender, Ship Repair Facility and ship's force to correct all material discrepancies and return the ship to the combat zone. The stay in Subic Bay was marked by the visit of Rear Admiral Rogers on Sunday 4 June. Rear Admiral Rogers, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Seventh Fleet, made a short tour of the ship and was the guest of the Wardroom for lunch. After lunch he entered into an informative discussion of Destroyer operations in the Gulf of Tonkin with the ship's Officers and Chief Petty Officers.

On 8 June the ship successfully met its completion date for the end of the Tender Availability and steamed from Subic Bay back towards the Gulf of Tonkin, arriving off the coast of Vietnam MRL on 10 June. Assuming Naval Gunfire Support duties as a unit of TU 70.8.9 the ship participated in heavy firing from the area surrounding the city of Hue to the northern bank of the Cua Viet River. Also from 17 June to 20 June the ship actively supported South Vietnamese units into the Quang-Tri area.

On 22 June the ship was directed to depart the southern gun line and proceed to the Yankee Station area to provide planeguard services for the USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) as a unit of TG 77.6. The next four days, until relieved by the USS WADDELL (DDG-24), saw MYLES C. FOX dutifully and professionally follow in the wake of the ever active attack carrier. By assuming these responsibilities the ship had actively participated in all aspects of current Destroyer operations in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Upon being relieved by the USS WADDELL (DDG-24) on 26 June the ship eagerly steamed back towards the gunline. Having rearmed prior commencement of plane guard duties the ship was prepared to fire in support of South Vietnamese operations immediately upon arrival. From 28 June until our final departure from the gun line the ship fired in support of Lam Son 72 which was a South Vietnamese offensive aimed at recovering the area surrounding Quang Tri which had been lost to the enemy in March and April.

On 1 July the ship departed the gunline off the northern coast of South Vietnam and proceeded towards Hong Kong. Since arrival on the gunline on 2 May the ship had fired seven thousand forty, five inch rounds at enemy positions in both North and South Vietnam. In addition the ship had participated in nineteen refuelings and fourteen rearmings occurring both during daylight and in darkness. Duties of Piraz gunship and plane guard responsibilities for a CVA had also been assigned and one Helo-In-Flight refueling operation had been accomplished. Therefore it was with a well deserved feeling of pride and accomplishment the men of the USS MYLES C. FOX steamed towards rest and recreation in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

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TRANSIT TO NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND
1 July - 14 August 1972

The USS MYLES C. FOX in company with USS CHARLES P. CECIL arrived in Hong Kong on the morning of 3 July and spent five days taking advantage of everything this exotic port had to offer. Many of the ship's company purchased cameras, jewelry, and ivory, had tailored suits made, went sightseeing to well known places such as Kowloon, Victoria Peak, Abordeen, and Tiger Palm Garden. Altogether it was a very enjoyable experience. Home however was not getting any closer and this was utmost in all our minds. We left Hong Kong on 8 July and proceeded in a northerly direction to Yokosuka, Japan and our second liberty port. We made a brief refueling stop first at Bucher Bay, Okinawa and arrived in the southern port of Yokosuka, Japan on 12 July. Our intentions were to stay in Yokosuka for five days, however a tropical storm was generating to the south of us and we were forced to leave two days early. This was our last port of call in the Far East and we all took advantage of the Fleet Exchange to purchase last minute gifts for relatives and friends back home.

On 14 July, half way around the world, we began our journey home. By now everyone was anxious to see the Newport Bridge and didn't feel bad that our visit to Yokosuka was cut short. Our first stop was Midway Island. On 18 July the FOX spent only a few hours refueling, then continued our easterly course to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Finally we arrived in Pearl Harbor on 21 July and spent two days visiting a state many of us East Coast sailors had never seen before. This was also the first time the crew had touched American soil in over six months. The ship's company however had no difficulty making the adjustment. With cameras strapped over our shoulders and beach towels in hand the crew had a very enjoyable stay in Hawaii.

On 23 July we left Hawaii and set a course for San Diego, California. Taking advantage of the smooth seas and warm weather the ship's company worked hard to present the FOX to her homeport. Considerable work was accomplished and on 29 July we arrived in San Diego for another well deserved rest. Upon arrival in San Diego, of primary interest was the telephone exchange. This was the first opportunity most of us had to speak to our loved ones for any length of time.

Newport was still two weeks away and so on 1 August we left San Diego and headed south for the Panama Canal Zone. Again we took advantage of the weather to get considerable work done on the ship. We arrived 8 August and spent the next day going through the canal. The Supply Department set up a Bar-B-Q on the flight deck and as the FOX passed through the canal the crew, in a festive mood relaxed and enjoyed the evolution. Late that afternoon we passed through the last gate and set a course for our last stop of the cruise, Newport, Rhode Island. The next day, 10 August, the USS MYLES C. FOX was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for fiscal year 1972. This was a distinguishing award presented to the crew of the FOX for outstanding performance from 1 July 1971 to 1 July 1972. It was with a great deal of pride that we painted the letter "E" on the Bridge wings of the FOX.

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On 14 August after seven long months around the world, USS MYLES C. FOX arrived in Newport, Rhode Island. Her return to homeport marked the end of a very satisfying and rewarding cruise and she was distinguished by having Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWO and Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN to greet her. To the crew, however, no one was more important than the loved ones left behind.

INPORT PERIOD

14 August - 5 October 1972

The next thirty days the USS MYLES C. FOX commenced a stand-down and leave period. This afforded the ships company time to spend with their families back home before returning to the FOX and subsequent commitment. On 14 September the Commanding Officer held a personnel inspection and presented the following awards in recognition for performance during MYLES C. FOX's recent deployment:

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SD1	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
RM1	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
BM3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
ETR3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
PNC	COMSEVENTHFLT Letter of Commendation
RD3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
RD1	CINCPACFLT Letter of Commendation
LT	Navy Commendation Medal
BTC	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
HT1	Navy Achievement Medal
EM1	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
LTJG	Navy Achievement Medal
MM2	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
RDC	Navy Achievement Medal
ETR2	Navy Achievement Medal
SKC	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
BM1	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
STC	CINCPACFLT Letter of Commendation
MMCM	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
ST1	COMSEVENTHFLT Letter of Commendation
PCSN	COMSEVENTHFLT Letter of Commendation
LTJG	Navy Achievement Medal
CS2	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
RMC	CINCPACFLT Letter of Commendation
RD3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
RD3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
GMT2	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
ST1	Navy Commendation Medal
FTG3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
ETR3	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
TM2	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
QM1	CINCPACFLT Letter of Commendation
LTJG	CINCPACFLT Letter of Commendation
LTJG	Navy Achievement Medal

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BM1	Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation
LT	Navy Commendation Medal
YN2	COMSEVENTHFLT Letter of Commendation
FTG2	Navy Achievement Medal
LTJG	Navy Commendation Medal
ETN3	COMSEVENTHFLT Letter of Commendation
LTJG	Navy Commendation Medal

On 15 September, LCDR Gerald P. ASTORINO, USS MYLES C. FOX was relieved by LCDR Coleman J. GADBAW JR. as Commanding Officer. LCDR Gerald P. ASTORINO was subsequently assigned to U. S. Naval Academy as Head of the Navigational Department, while LCDR GADBAW arrived from a tour at the U. S. Naval War College.

On 5 October the ship got underway for Prudence Island ammunition depot. The day was spent unloading 5 inch projectiles and ASW weapons. Later that afternoon the ship got underway for local operations and training in the Narragansette Bay area. The next day the FOX returned to Newport.

TYPE TRAINING

10 October - 16 November 1972

For the next five weeks the USS MYLES C. FOX exercised itself in training and readiness exercises commensurate with her mission both inport and underway. On 10 October with Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTEEN embarked the USS MYLES C. FOX and USS CHARLES P. CECIL conducted type training in Narragansette Bay and Virginia Capes operations area. The two ships conducted exercises in anti-submarine warfare, engineering casualty and damage control, and both surface and air gunnery shoots. On 13 October the ship returned to Newport, Rhode Island.

On 23 October the USS FOX in company with the USS CHARLES P. CECIL and USS FISKE again got underway for type training in Narragansette Bay and Virginia Capes operating area. Considerable work was accomplished in the area of Anti-submarine warfare. The FOX in conjunction with the USS CHARLES P. CECIL, USS FISKE and three S-2 aircrafts conducted coordinated attacks on the submarine USS SKIPJACK. On 27 October the ship returned to Newport, Rhode Island for three weeks upkeep. On 10 November as a member of Task Group 41.17 along with the USS INTREPID (CVS-11) and USS CHARLES P. CECIL (DD-835) the FOX conducted carrier operations in the Narragansette Bay and Virginia Capes operation area. The USS INTREPID was making preparations for overseas deployment and the FOX and CECIL provided plane guard for her aircraft through 15 November.

On 14 November LCDR Carlos E. MERCADO relieved LCDR Stanley C. KOZLOWSKI as Executive Officer. LCDR MERCADO arrived from a tour with the Naval Forces in the Republic of South Vietnam while LCDR KOZLOWSKI was subsequently assigned as Flag Secretary to Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

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On 22 November the Commanding Officer held a personnel inspection aboard the FOX and that afternoon the ship commenced the Holiday leave period.

From 8 December through 18 December USS MYLES C. FOX was designated Ready Destroyer, and had to be able to get underway on 24 hours notice. Then on 19 December the FOX again commenced a holiday leave period. For the crew members of the FOX it was a very rewarding and satisfying year and as members of the crew left for the holiday leave there was a sense of real pride being a member of the USS MYLES C. FOX (DD-829).

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